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INDIANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING/DISTRIBUTING FALSE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

– Took over illegal business when partner returned to Mexico

LOUISVILLE, KY - Jason Patrick Ross, age 32, of New Albany, Indiana, pled guilty to conspiracy to possess and distribute false identification documents, United States Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

On March 24, 2006, after being arrested for a failure to appear charge, Ross gave a complete confession to his involvement in a document producing conspiracy dating back to March 2001. Specifically, he stated that in March 2001 his brother-in-law introduced him to a false document maker (JL), and he began to refer customers directly to the false document maker. Initially, Ross received a \$20 fee for each referral (eventually went up to \$40 for each referral). Ross stated that he would take the pictures to the JL's house in Louisville and produce Social Security cards, Mexican driver's licenses, and Michigan driver's licenses. In March 2005, JL told Ross that he feared he was being followed by the FBI and so was moving to Mexico. From this point on, Ross took over the false document business. Ross charged \$100 for a new "mica," \$40 for a Social Security card, \$100 for a Mexican driver's license, \$100 for an international drivers license, and \$100 for a Michigan driver's license.

Ross stated that his 4-5 runners would bring the photographs to his home so he could complete the identifications. Since, Ross started creating identifications approximately two

years ago, he has completed and sold approximately 1500 identifications and work permits, including documents created for restaurants in Louisville and southern Indiana.

The maximum potential penalties are up to 15 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both, and supervised release for a period of 3 years following any prison term.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin and it was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Ross is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on October 15, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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